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# King Spurns Lure of Wealth, Lives Modestly in Atlanta

By DON McKEE  
 Associated Press Staff Writer

ATLANTA—Sliding comfortably down in his swivel chair behind a wooden desk eyed with papers, Martin Luther King Jr. hung up the telephone and for a few minutes let the revolution run itself.

"It's not easy." He spoke in a Georgia drawl. "I know I have a movement to lead and I have to make many decisions. I don't know if they are all the right decisions."

King talked of the pressures. Aside from criticism and opposition from outside the Negro movement, King said, he also has to keep a balance between the views of his own staff.

"Some of these fellows want to wreck the world sometime," he said. He was half serious.

## Often Criticized

If King, with his casual air, contradicts the stereotype of a revolutionary, his small office in the Negro Masonic building on grimy Auburn Ave., with its dingy green walls and bare floor, is even less like a command post.

But this is the eye of the storm—the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The storm swirls around Martin Luther King, 36, ordained Baptist minister, dictator of philosophy in theology, civil rights leader, pastor, husband and father.

For Dr. King, 1. Edgar Hoover once called him the most notorious liar in the country. ex-President

Harry Truman has labelled him a troublemaker. And many of his methods—including deliberate violation of existing laws—have been criticized by both whites and Negroes who support the civil rights movement.

But he has also been hailed around the world as a great leader of his people and he has won the Nobel peace prize.

Derisively, and by some Negroes, too, King is called "Kingfish," "De Lawd," "Martin Luther Coon," "Latter-day Elmer Gantry" and worse. Among his followers he is known as Dr. King, "the leader," "Moses" and, at SCLC, often "Mister President."

## Embarrassed by Praise

Privately, King is sensitive to the derogatory names. He says he is also embarrassed by public praise, by being compared to Moses. But—"If I have to go through this to give the people a symbol, I am resigned to it."

He is not an imposing figure. King is about 5-foot-6 and weighs about 160. He dresses trimly, usually in a dark suit. He is light-skinned—"it seems my paternal grandmother was part Irish."

But the striking feature, and perhaps the major factor in King's success, is not seen but heard. It is his oratory. This is what stirs the mass meetings—and the staid university halls.

His closest companion and frequent joint mate, the Rev. Ralph D.

Even this glorious  
"white wash" doesn't  
clean him up.

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Abernathy, explains King's effectiveness this way:

"It's his ability to articulate, to communicate, to place in words the longings, the dreams, hopes and aspirations of an oppressed people. He says it in an extraordinary way. ... He has the spirit and humility."

#### Lives Modestly

King says he identifies with the masses. He marches with them, and goes to jail. He lives in a lower-middle income Negro area of Atlanta, and he lives modestly.

The house is spacious and comfortable. It is a considerably improvement over the red brick parsonage where King had lived since returning here in 1960 to become SCLC president and co-pastor, with his father, of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

His critics say that King lines his pockets from the movement he heads. He denies that.

"My basic income is \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year," he said.

SCLC pays him no salary because he will not accept it, he added. His income is \$4,000 a year from the church, \$2,000 more for parsonage allowance, and he supplements this with \$5,000 to \$6,000 from some of his numerous speaking engagements.

"But 90 percent of these are for the movement," King said.

Income from his writings goes for the most part into SCLC, the church and Morehouse College, he said.

#### Avoided Wealth

Wealth, he feels, would destroy his effectiveness.

"I could legitimately, with ease, make \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year," King said. "I have consciously avoided making money."

King spends only about two nights a week at home with his family, his wife, Coretta, and four children. And his wife has begun traveling.

A soprano, she sings in concerts for the movement. Mrs. King, 38, is a native of Alabama. She met King while he was studying at Boston University and she at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Their children are left much of the time with a housekeeper. The older two, Yolanda, 9, and Marty, 7, go to a Negro school because they were turned down at two private schools. The other children are Dexter, 4, and Bernice, 2.

King pushes for concrete gains in civil rights. He is often a diplomat; he will negotiate and compromise.

"We say we want all our freedom and we want it now," he said. "But realistically we know we aren't going to get it all now. We have these slogans."

#### Alternative to Violence

Political pressure has become a key part of his civil rights drive.

"It is a political fact that politicians respond to pressure," he has said.

The Alabama drive now under way is centered on political power for Negro masses.

King contends his nonviolent resistance, the marches and demonstrations that sometimes incur violence, are the only alternative outlet to Negro frustration which otherwise would explode violently.

Confrontation is the key word, he says, and nothing changes in the social order without the creation and exposure of tensions and prejudices.

Influenced heavily by Gandhi and Thoreau, King preaches "love your enemies." He holds this concept:

"All humanity is caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. All life is interrelated. To the degree that I harm my brother, to that extent I am harming myself."

#### Some Crusades Failed

Yet his crusades have left failures and ruin in some instances. Though his marches filled jails at Albany, Ga., they left segregation undented and a boycott destroyed the city bus line.

Selma, Ala., suffered economically under a boycott. So have other communities.

St. Augustine, Fla., refused to accede to King's demands last year and watched much of its tourist lifeblood drain away.

King argues that "non-cooperation with evil is as necessary as cooperation with good." ... "Something must be done to bring these people in line with the law" and "we must stop paying our dollars to be segregated."

These tactics stir the hottest controversies. For, while King has pushed for white persons to comply with civil rights law, he himself—in his civil disobedience campaigns—has violated other laws on the grounds that there are just laws and unjust laws.

"I think a law is just which squares with the moral law," King said, "and I think a law is unjust which is out of harmony with the moral law of the universe."

#### Willingly Accepts Penalty

And what is the basis of determination?

"Any man who breaks the law that conscience tells him is unjust and willingly accepts the penalty by staying in jail in order to arouse the conscience of the community on the injustice of the law is at that moment expressing the very highest regard for law."

King said he did not believe in defying or evading the law and its consequences. He said he defends the right of segregationists to violate laws which offend this conscience—if they willingly accept the penalty.

"The fact is," he said, "that most of the segregationists and racists that I see are not willing to suffer enough for their beliefs and they are not willing to go to jail"

#### Tactics Basically Wrong?

But Albany, Ga., a dramatic testimonial of defeat for King, thwarted his direct action campaign and then under court order began desegregating schools and complied promptly, peacefully with the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

This proves, claimed former Albany Mayor Asa D. Kelley, Jr., that the proper approach was and is through legal channels.

"Everything that has been gained by the Negro in Albany has been gained either through the courts or duly enacted law," said Kelley, although he conceded that demonstrations "had the effect of drawing attention of the people of the US. to problems of which some of them were unaware."

King's methods also led to legislative action sooner than it would have come otherwise, Kelley said. "But the tactics are basically wrong—if everybody with a grievance used King's tactics, we would have utter chaos like some of the South American countries."

Recently, King was criticized by Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon who said King as a civil rights leader had "no right to go out and break the law."

The Republican governor also said in a college commencement address: "I say to you that in a nation founded upon a constitutional form of government, which has processes by which we can change laws with which we disagree, we do not have the right to deliberately violate the law, no matter what our rank or title."

### Urges Viet Nam Peace

King also aroused criticism recently by calling for an end to the Viet Nam war which he said is very dangerous because it keeps escalating.

But King said he did not support a unilateral withdrawal by the United States, only a stronger effort to negotiate a peaceful settlement.

King said he felt some responsibility in this field because of the Nobel peace prize he won.

"We must take a serious hold on our foreign policy," he said. "If we do not change this 'big stick' approach and turn the arms race into a peace race, we are doomed to destruction."

### Receives Many Threats

Public opinion is this big weapon. In Alabama rallies, he shouted, "if they beat us now, they'll have to do it on Main Street in front of the television cameras." Pictures from Birmingham in 1963 spilled outrage over the globe.

"We must dramatize injustices," King has also said.

King lives with the threat of death. By telephone to his office, by letter the threats come; he is unaware of most of them, refuses a bodyguard and often drives to the office alone.

He has a certain resignation about this. In an Albany church in 1962, after shots were fired into nearby Negro houses, he said:

"It may get me crucified. I may even die. But I want it said even if I die in the struggle that 'He died to make men free'."

Although his first experience as a jail occupant was unnerving—that was in Montgomery in 1956—by 1962 he could relax. Then, in the steamy jail at Albany, he could

lounges in silk pajamas on a bunk, read the newspapers and listen to a transistor radio.

### Seldom Angry

King gets angry, but not often, and never publicly.

"Every now and then he gets peeved and I get peeved," Coretta King says. "He can shout. Every now and then he'll blow up. He's learned to control this. But he takes and takes and sometimes he just has to let off steam."

"When we get in an argument, usually he just stops talking."

Two blocks from King's office stands the two-story frame house where he was born Jan. 15, 1929. In the now busy Auburn Avenue he played as a boy and learned the racial facts of life.

King raced through school, skipping the 9th and 12 grades and entering Morehouse College at 15. He earned an bachelor of arts degree there, his bachelor of divinity at Crozer Theological Seminary and his Ph. D. from Boston University at the age of 26.

In his final high school year he won an Elks oratorical contest and went to Valdosta, Ga., on a bus

with his teacher for the state finals in the Negro competition.

Returning, he and the teacher violated custom by sitting near the front of the bus. The driver ordered them to move to the back.

### Genesis of Boycott

"I insisted on staying," King recalled. "But after the situation got tense, my teacher urged me to move."

"I ended up standing all the way to Atlanta." There was an edge of bitterness in his voice. Then he laughed.

"That was the beginning of my determination to lead a bus boycott," he said.

In reality, he was then interested in law or medicine and it was two years later that he took up the ministry. His move to Montgomery for his first pastorate in 1955 was only coincidental to what developed, the leadership of a bus boycott was thrust upon him. Despite the boycott, however, it took a court order to desegregate the buses.

### Confident of Result

But what King attained there nine years and six months ago was the mobilization of Negro masses and recognition of himself. The co-

hesive force was the Negro church,  
core of the Negro social life.

Now, nearly a decade later, King  
is confident of the ultimate end to  
discrimination

"We have come to the day," he  
says, "when a piece of freedom is  
not enough for us as human beings,  
nor for the nation of which we are a  
part."

While King works to dramatize  
what he thinks are injustices,  
charges against him have been dra-  
matized, too. Billboards were plaste-  
red throughout Alabama and else-  
where purporting to show him at  
the Highlander Folk School, Mon-  
teagle, Tenn, several years ago.  
The school had come under fire on  
charges that Communists and sym-  
pathizers visited and lectured  
there.

King's response was that he spent  
only one hour there to give a  
speech. In his speeches and writ-  
ings, he has denounced communism  
as incompatible with Christianity.

Asked about Communist in-  
fluence in the civil rights move-  
ment, Attorney General Nicholas  
Katzenbach said Reds have been  
remarkably unsuccessful in influenc-  
ing decisions of leaders of civil  
rights group.



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King and their Children: Martin Luther King III, now 7; Yolanda, now 9, and, on his mother's lap, Dexter, now 4. The fourth child is Bernice, 2.—AP Photo.



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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

An article in "The Journal", a daily Lorain, Ohio, newspaper, issue of June 14, 1965, stated that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was the commencement speaker at the graduation exercises at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, on the morning of June 14, 1965. The article quoted Dr. King as saying, "We must shift the arms race into a peace race and by so doing we will open the doors of hope for brotherhood.... We shall overcome all of the enemies of brotherhood and that one day we shall live as God intended that we should, in peace, perhaps with different cultures and philosophies of government but still as brothers."

According to the article, Dr. King called for the development of massive action programs in every section of the country to combat racial discrimination in all its forms, including de facto segregation in schools. Referring to the civil rights song, "We Shall Overcome", Dr. King stated that it is not the intent of the Negro that they shall overcome the white man. He observed "Black supremacy is just as bad for our civilization as white supremacy, and we do not support it."

The article reflected that Dr. King was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

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[REDACTED] advised that Dr. King arrived in Oberlin the evening of June 13, 1965, and left immediately after the commencement exercises on the morning of June 14, 1965. He stated that there were no incidents or demonstrations of any kind in connection with Dr. King's visit to Oberlin.

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[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

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On June 18, 1965, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., accompanied by his aide, Bernard Lee, arrived Cox Municipal Airport, Dayton, Ohio, at 10:48 PM via Delta Airlines Flight number 648. King was met at the airport by Mrs. Jessie C. Treichler, Assistant Director of Development, and Joseph J. Brady, Director of Development and Public Relations, both Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. Other persons who greeted King at the airport included Edward Kahoe, City Manager, Yellow Springs, Ohio, Chief McKee and officers of the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Ohio State Highway Patrol. These officers escorted King to Yellow Springs, Ohio.

King and his wife, Coretta Scott King, on the night of June 18, 1965, stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lawson, 430 West Limestone Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio. The Lawsons are close personal friends of Mrs. King.

At approximately 10:00 AM, June 19, 1965, Reverend King delivered the commencement address at Antioch College, titled "Facing the Challenge of a New Age".

The "Dayton Daily News", a daily newspaper of general circulation in Dayton, Ohio, published at Dayton, Ohio, an article on page 10A of the June 20, 1965, edition under caption, "Negotiate Vietnam Peace Doctor King Says at Antioch." This article was sub-titled "Clouds of Another World War Hanging Low, Rights Leader Claims in Speech". In part, this

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article is quoted as follows:

"Americans must be willing to negotiate with all parties . . . even the Viet Cong, Doctor King declared at the 113th commencement of Antioch College.

"The clouds of another world - a world war - are hanging mighty low.

"He called upon the 296 Antioch College graduates to help their generation 'find some alternate to war, bloodshed . . . no nation can win a war'.

"He also 'challenged' them to take active rolls in the Negro's battle for racial justice and 'an all out war on poverty'.

"The system of segregation is on its death bed today . . . a new order of justice and freedom is coming into being . . .

"He appealed to 'all people of good will' to speak out in behalf of racial justice and to join the campaigns against poverty and for an end of war."

[REDACTED] advised that subsequent to the address and awarding of degrees, King attended a reception for graduates and then ate dinner in the Antioch Inn, Yellow Springs, Ohio. Reverend King was taken on a tour of Yellow Springs and departed there for Cox Municipal Airport, Dayton, Ohio, 3:45 PM. b7(D)

Reverend King and his <sup>side</sup> aide, Lee, departed Dayton, Ohio, 5:45 PM via Trans-World Airlines jet, flight number 24, nonstop to New York, scheduled to arrive International Airport, New York City, New York, 8:15 PM, Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

According to [REDACTED] no unusual incidents or trouble occurred in Yellow Springs, Ohio, while Reverend King was in that area. b7(D)

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Knightstown, Indiana 46148

Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of June 16th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and my inability to comment as you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hoover:

This letter refers to the recently erected billboards proclaiming the allegedly Communist activities of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

Enclosed please find a picture of a billboard erected by the operator of a truck stop on U. S. 40 east of Knightstown, Indiana. I have been informed that similar billboards are prevalent in the South.

The poster obviously raises the question of whether or not the picture was really taken at a "Communist training school". Since there has been some controversy in the area, and a great deal of interest in this billboard, I would like to be able to present a factual report in our publications.

I would therefore appreciate any information you can send me concerning the alleged Communist activities of Dr. King, and particularly any evidence you have or can obtain concerning his attendance at any "Communist training school". I have written Dr. King for his explanation of where the picture for the poster was taken.

Very truly yours

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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ADVANCE FOR AM'S WEDNESDAY JUNE 16 OR THEREAFTER  
 (PICTURE)

BY AL KUETTNER

## UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

ATLANTA, JUNE 15 (UPI)--A BLUE AND WHITE CHARTER AIRPLANE PULLED TO A HALT ON A RUNWAY AT MONTGOMERY, ALA. A MOON-FACED MAN IN A DARK SUIT STEPPED OUT, HURRIED TO A WAITING CAR, EXCHANGED A FEW GREETINGS AND WAS DRIVEN AWAY AT HIGH SPEED.  
 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) AND ACCEPTED LEADER OF THOUSANDS IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS REVOLUTION WAS ON HIS WAY TO ANOTHER CAMPAIGN MEETING.

KING IS A MAN ALWAYS ON THE MOVE, TRAVELING UP TO 250,000 MILES A YEAR ON THE FAR-FLUNG CIVIL RIGHTS FRONT. CONTROVERSY FOLLOWS HIM EVERYWHERE.

ONCE HE WAS ALMOST KILLED, STABBED BY A NEGRO WOMAN IN NEW YORK. HE HAS BEEN SLUGGED SEVERAL TIMES -- THE LATEST IN A SELMA, ALA. HOTEL WHILE HE WAS REGISTERING. AND HE HAS GONE TO JAIL ALMOST MORE TIMES THAN HE CAN COUNT.

KING HAS MANY CRITICS. THEY PRIVATELY, AND SOMETIMES PUBLICLY, QUESTION HIS SOURCES OF INCOMES, HIS PRIVATE LIFE AND HIS POLITICAL LEANINGS.

"I'M JUST NOT GOING TO KEEP ANSWERING THESE CHARGES AGAINST ME," KING SAID RECENTLY. "I KNOW THEY ARE NOT TRUE. MY FAMILY KNOWS IT AND MY FRIENDS KNOW IT. THESE THINGS ARE BEING USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY ME AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT."  
 SOME OF THE PEOPLE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH KING ARE THEMSELVES HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL. KING CONTENDS HIS ENEMIES ARE TRYING TO REACH HIM BY SMEARING THEM.

PERHAPS THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL OF THE NEGRO LEADER'S FOLLOWERS HAVE BEEN TWO NEW YORKERS, BAYARD RUSTIN, A NEGRO, AND JACKIE O'DELL, A WHITE MAN.

RUSTIN WAS ONE OF THE FIRST "SIT-IN" DEMONSTRATORS. HE WAS ARRESTED AND SENT TO A GEORGIA "CHAIN GANG" IN THE 1930S FOR TRYING TO OBTAIN SERVICES AT A SEGREGATED EATING PLACE. HE WAS CONNECTED WITH THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE BUT PUBLICLY HAS SEVERED CONNECTIONS WITH THE PARTY.

RUSTIN, WHO DIRECTED THE 1963 MARCH ON WASHINGTON, WAS FORMERLY FIELD DIRECTOR OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION, A PACIFIST ORGANIZATION. HE HAS BEEN CONVICTED ON MORALS CHARGES.

O'DELL ONCE WORKED IN KING'S NEW YORK OFFICE. KING INSISTS HE HAD NO POLICY MAKING POSITION. HE NOW WRITES FOR A MAGAZINE ENTITLED "FREEDOMWAYS" WHICH PUBLISHES ARTICLES ON RACE.

KING ASKED O'DELL TO RESIGN AFTER PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT THE MAN WAS TIED IN WITH COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. KING SAID AT THE TIME HE HAD NO PROOF OF THIS. ONE OF HIS TOP ASSISTANTS, THE REV. WYATT TEE WALKER, PUT IT STRONGER.

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"THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYTHING PRODUCED TO PROVE THAT O'DELL WAS EVER A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY," WALKER SAID. "HE WAS INVESTIGATED BY A FEDERAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY SOUTHERNERS AND THEY FOUND NOTHING. HE SIMPLY RESIGNED BECAUSE OF THE SMEAR ATTEMPTS AGAINST HIM."

KING HIMSELF CONCEDES THAT A FEW COMMUNISTS MAY HAVE WORKED THEIR WAY INTO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT BUT HE FEELS THEY PRESENT NO MENACE.

"IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE (FOR THE SCLC) TO BE INFLUENCED IN ANY WAY BY THE METHOD OR PHILOSOPHY OF COMMUNISM," KING HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING. "IT IS A FIRM POLICY THAT NO PERSON OF KNOWN COMMUNIST AFFILIATION CAN SERVE ON THE (SCLC) STAFF, EXECUTIVE BOARD OR ITS MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE."

KING'S NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS IS DIVIDED BETWEEN A NEW YORK OFFICE AND A HARLEM BRANCH. IT HAS A SMALL STAFF WITH LARGE DUTIES. MUCH OF THE SCLC'S ANNUAL BUDGET OF MORE THAN \$600,000 IS RAISED FROM MONEY APPEALS OUT OF NEW YORK. THIS IS IN CHARGE OF A \$5,000-PER-YEAR WHITE WOMAN, MISS ADELE KANTOR.

TWO KEY POSTS IN NEW YORK ARE VOLUNTARY, OCCUPIED BY ATTORNEYS CLARENCE JONES AND HARRY WACHTEL. THEY HANDLE KING'S LEGAL BUSINESS, PROTECTING HIM FROM PEOPLE WHO TRY TO RECORD AND "SELL" HIS VOICE, COPY AND SELL HIS SPEECHES OR OTHERWISE EXPLOIT THE NEGRO LEADER.

IT WAS JONES WHO SUGGESTED TO KING THAT ALL HIS PREPARED SPEECHES BE COPYRIGHTED SO THEY COULD NOT BE DUPLICATED WITHOUT PERMISSION.

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THE MAIN CONCENTRATION OF KING'S STAFF MEMBERS WORK IN ATLANTA, OCCUPYING TWO FLOORS OF AN OLD BUILDING ONE BLOCK FROM THE EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE HE IS ASSOCIATE PASTOR.

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1ST ADD KING ATLANTA (ADVANCE FOR AM'S WEDNESDAY 16 OR THEREAFTER) (AS8N) X X X ASSOCIATE PASTOR.

THE ATLANTA SCLC HEADQUARTERS, ITS FRONT OFFICE SPLASHED WITH LIBERAL PUBLICATIONS FEATURING CIVIL RIGHTS ARTICLES, IS THE "COMMAND POST" FOR KING'S ORGANIZATION. ITS PHONES RING CONSTANTLY. SECRETARIES, DUPLICATING ROOM WORKERS AND KING'S TOP LEADERS BUMP SHOULDERS AS THEY PASS FROM SMALL OFFICE TO SMALL OFFICE.

THIS FIRST TEAM INCLUDES THE REV. ANDREW YOUNG, KING'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; THE REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER; RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, THE "INTELLECTUAL" PLANNER; THE REV. JAMES BEVEL, "THE MAN IN CHARGE OF DEMONSTRATIONS", AND HARRY BOYTE, THE "LINK" BETWEEN WHITE AND NEGRO COMMUNITIES AND ONE OF THE FEW WHITE OFFICIALS ON KING'S STAFF.

KING, WHO MOVED RECENTLY INTO A REMODELED BRICK HOUSE LOCATED IN THE PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO WEST SIDE OF TOWN, HAS LITTLE TIME AT HOME WITH HIS CONCERT-SINGER WIFE, CORETTA, OR THEIR FOUR CHILDREN.

FAMILY NIGHTS AT THE YMCA SWIMMING POOL AND A FEW GAMES ARE HIS MAIN RECREATION. THE PACE FOR KING, AT TIMES 20 HOURS A DAY, SOME-TIMES PUTS HIM TO BED UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE.

IF KING IS BOTHERED BY THE STEADY ATTACKS ON HIM, THE REACTION DOES NOT SHOW ON HIS IMPASSIVE FACE.

THE NEGRO LEADER SAYS HIS "TAKE-HOME PAY" IS ABOUT \$12,000 A YEAR--\$4,000 AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH IN ATLANTA, \$2,000 PARSONAGE ALLOWANCE AND ABOUT \$6,000 IN "GOOD YEARS" FROM SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS. HE RECEIVES A TOKEN \$1 A YEAR FOR HEADING THE SCLC AND VARYING AMOUNTS FROM ROYALTIES ON HIS BOOKS AND OTHER WRITINGS. LAST YEAR THESE TOTALED ABOUT \$30,000.

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DURING THE RECENT SELMA-TO-MONTGOMERY MARCH, HIS OPPOSITION PURCHASED HIGHWAY SIGNBOARD SPACE AND EXHIBITED BLOWN UP PHOTOGRAPHS OF KING AND SEVERAL OTHERS, LABELED: "MARTIN LUTHER KING ATTENDING COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL."

THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS MADE BY A PHOTOGRAPHER FOR A GEORGIA SEGREGATION-ORIENTED STATE EDUCATION COMMISSION AT THE HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL IN MONTEAGLE, TENN. BOTH THE COMMITTEE AND THE SCHOOL ARE NOW DEFUNCT. FORMER MISSISSIPPI GOV. ROSS BARNETT LABELED THE SCHOOL "A COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL" DURING TESTIMONY BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE. GEORGIA ATTORNEY GENERAL EUGENE COOK, WHO HAS THE STATE INVESTIGATION FINDINGS OF THE SCHOOL UNDER LOCK AND KEY, CALLED IT SUBVERSIVE.

HIGHLANDER TRAINED MANY OF KING'S "NON-VIOLENT" WORKERS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF HIS CAMPAIGN. TODAY HE OPERATES HIS OWN "TRAINING" SCHOOL IN SOUTH GEORGIA.

KING, IN CONTRAST TO SOME OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS, BELIEVES THE DAY OF STREET DEMONSTRATIONS IS NOT OVER. HE CONTENTS THAT GRIEVANCES WHICH SENT NEGROES INTO THE STREETS IN THE FIRST PLACE ARE UNSETTLED. HE BELIEVES DEMONSTRATIONS ARE MORE LIKELY THIS SUMMER IN THE NORTH THAN IN THE SOUTH.  
KING ALSO FEELS THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS BILL WAS "ONLY A START" AND THAT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY MUST NOW TEAM UP "TO END JOB DISCRIMINATION" AND TO PUT THE PRESSURE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO GRANT NEGROES "AT LEAST EQUAL RIGHTS."  
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TO DIRECTOR \100-106670\, NEW YORK, AND ATLANTA \100-5586\  
FROM CINCINNATI \100-14700\

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL DATED JUNE FOURTEEN LAST AND CINCINNATI  
TEL DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST TO DIRECTOR CAPTIONED COMMUNIST  
INFILTRATION OF COALITION MILITANT NEGRO RADICALS, IS-C, OO NEW YORK.

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ADVISED KING ARRIVED DAYTON, OHIO TEN FORTYEIGHT PM JUNE EIGHTEEN  
LAST AND MET BY JOE BRADY, MRS. JESSEE TREICHLER, AND LOCAL POLICE.  
KING AND WIFE STAYED OVER NIGHT WITH MR. AND MRS. ELMER LAWSON, FOUR  
THREE ZERO WEST LIMESTONE STREET, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO. KING GAVE  
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ENTITLED "FACING THE CHALLENGE OF A NEW AGE" AT  
ANTIOCH COLLEGE AT TEN AM JUNE NINETEEN LAST.

KING DEPARTED YELLOW SPRINGS FOR DAYTON AIRPORT ABOUT THREE FORTY  
FIVE PM. KING DEPARTED DAYTON AIRPORT FIVE FORTYFIVE PM VIA TWA  
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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEW YORK CITY EIGHT FIFTEEN PM EDST/ NO  
INCIDENT WHILE KING IN AREA. [REDACTED] ADVISED JESSE GRAY OR W. S.  
MC INTOSH NOT SEEN IN AREA. b7(D)

FOR INFO NEW YORK AND ATLANTA RE CI TEL SIX EIGHTEEN LAST  
INDICATED PERSONS PRESUMIBLY MC INTOSH AND GRAY POSSIBLY PLANNING  
TO STIR-UP TROUBLE AT ANTIOCH COLLEGE IN HOPE THAT KING WOULD LEND  
THEM SUPPORT. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16800) C-

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

Re Bureau airtel to New Orleans and Atlanta 6/8/65,  
captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C; SOUTHERN CONFERENCE  
EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC., IS-C."

In accordance with referenced airtel

██████████ was contacted on 6/14/65, concerning  
his telephone call to Assistant Director WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN  
on 6/5/65.

██████████ stated that he may not have been too clear  
in his telephone conversation with Assistant Director SULLIVAN  
as he has heard no rumors to the effect that KING is to be  
assassinated on any contemplated trip KING has to Bogalusa,  
Louisiana. ██████████ stated that he did not have any specific  
information that KING plans to visit Bogalusa.

██████████ would not disclose his source but stated that  
his source was the only person who was in conversation with  
NOEL GRAY, a professor at Southern University, Baton Rouge,  
Louisiana, and his source reported to him the information set  
forth in the attached letterhead memorandum.

In view of the general nature of the information  
supplied to ██████████ by his source concerning KING, and since  
██████████ had no specific information that KING was coming to

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Louisiana or that any person or persons plan to assassinate KING, dissemination was still made to the New Orleans Police Department. [REDACTED] b7(c)

[REDACTED] Louisiana State Police, and to [REDACTED] Police [REDACTED] Bogalusa, Louisiana. Copies of the attached letterhead memorandum have been made available to local offices of U.S. Secret Service and 112th Intelligence Corps Group.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana  
June 16, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that he had learned from a source, whose identity he did not desire to reveal, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] discussed whether it would be better if King or James Farmer of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) was killed. [REDACTED] stated it would be better if it were King as he is better known to the Negroes in the south.

[REDACTED] stated he personally felt that [REDACTED] feel King is no longer an asset to the Negro movement and this was probably the reason [REDACTED] would think it better if King was removed from the scene.

[REDACTED] stated that for the past three or four months he has heard from various unrecalled sources that King was to visit Bogalusa, Louisiana, but that nothing was mentioned [REDACTED] indicate that King planned to visit Bogalusa.

[REDACTED] advised that he has no specific information from any informant or source that any person or groups of persons plan to assassinate King, and he has heard no "rumors" in this regard.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Garden City, New York 11530

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of June 15th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

For your information, Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures, his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

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Sincerely yours,

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Edgar Hoover

NOTE: [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles. The newspaper clipping concerns a controversy arising over Hofstra College awarding King an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Apparently handbills were passed out which contained Karl Prussion's claim that Martin Luther King is an individual to whom the communist should look and rally around and states that King has either been a member or wittingly has accepted support from over sixty communist fronts, etc. This advertisement is well known to the Bureau and the above reply has been used in connection with it.

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June 15, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Gentlemen:

I apologize for even taking up your time with the matter concerning which I am writing. I myself am weary of having my time consumed by people who bring this matter to my attention. However, it will help me and I will appreciate it if you can give me an answer as soon as possible.

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My inquiry concerns the matter written up in the news story I am enclosing, especially that part which I have marked with red pencil.

I continually hear this story, and I am writing to ask if at any time the F.B.I. has indicated that Martin Luther King Jr is either a communist or known to be a "fellow traveler."

Very sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

# Hofstra Honors King; Pickets, Heckler Protest

(Continued from Page 1)  
 "The rich must not ignore the poor—all men are interdependent."

Then he announced the third problem—"war." And as he paused before elaborating, a strong gust of wind provided a supernatural prop when it suddenly whipped up the flags flanking the speaker, creating a shuddering sound on the public address system.

On war, he said, "The alternative to disarmament, to suspension of nuclear arms, to strengthening the U.N., is to plunge us into annihilation."

In conclusion, he expressed optimism in the "solution to these problems" and charged the graduates with "the challenge to become an involved participant."

Hofstra President Dr. Clifford Lord then cited Dr. King for his "courageous leadership and unflagging devotion to the principles of love and reconciliation," and conferred an honorary doctor of divinity degree upon him.

PRIOR to the commencement ceremonies, two groups of right-wing extremists distributed the anti-King handbills to motorists entering the campus parking lots.

The larger group, calling itself the Committee to Expose Communist Infiltration in the Civil Rights Movement, massed 150 of its claimed 250 membership at the scene. Some 50 members carried anti-King placards while the others distributed two different handbills.

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weekly basis" in other Long Island communities.

Dowling said the group "fully endorses the idea of civil rights for all. We fully condone all efforts being made legally to promote the fair treatment of our colored neighbors."

Asked if he thought the civil rights bill signed into law by President Johnson last year was such a legal effort, he replied that "certain parts of it are unconstitutional."

DESCRIBING his group as being "educational," he said, "We're attempting to bring the ship back to course."

Neither the Dowling nor Winter group claimed the heckler ousted from the ceremonies in the stadium. Both explained that their members had left the campus at 11 a.m. a half hour before the incident.

The handbill both groups had in common reproduced a picture on one side showing Dr. King at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn., which the handbill calls a "Communist training school."

THE PICTURE originally appeared in the July 8, 1963, issue of The Augusta (Ga.) Courier, published by Roy V. Harris, reported to be head of the arch-segregationist White Citizens Council of Augusta.

The picture itself has been disseminated by almost every hate group and many extreme-right groups in the country. One of the main projects of the Louisiana chapter of White Citizens Councils has been spearheading a drive to have the picture enlarged and placed as a billboard near southern highways.

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On the reverse side of the handbill is a reproduction of an affidavit allegedly printed in a report from a Louisiana state commission. The affidavit is signed by Karl Prussian, who claims he is "a for-



Dr. Clifford Lord, president of Hofstra, presents Dr. King with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.



Pickets outside Hofstra University shout epithets at Dr. Martin Luther King.

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THE BOOK was originally published in 1958 by Arthur H. Ross, who has appeared on the official list of "endorses" of the Birch Society. Society founder Robert Welch wrote the foreword to the 1963 American Opinion reprint.

The book is also part of the Birch Society's "Civil Rights Packet," which Winters said "was quite useful" in helping his education. He said he was not a Birchite himself.

The smaller group, calling itself the Long Island Committee to Preserve Our American Freedom, had 12 of its members posted at corners leading into the campus but they confined their protest to distributing one handbill, which was identical to one of the two distributed by the larger group.

Dr. William F. Dowling, a Garden City dentist and head of the small group, said his handbills were printed by a Garden City firm. Winters said his handbills were done by a Queens printer.

DOWLING, asked his group's purpose, said:

"This committee is concerned about preserving the freedom of all Americans now threatened by the Communist revolutionary movement within so-called civil rights groups."

"We wish all to know Martin Luther King by his pro-Communist record and by his betrayal of his country and a good cause."

"It's a crying injustice to light the following tendency at Hofstra in conferring this degree."

HE TOLD The Press last night that his group distributed about 2,200 of the handbills yesterday. He said the group has been handing out other literature as well "by the thousands on a

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In the document, Prussian swears that Ed Beck, who he identifies as "presently secretary of the NAACP of San Mateo County, Calif., and a member of 'CORE,' is a Communist."

HE ALSO states: "I further swear and attest that at each and every one of the aforementioned meetings, one Rev. Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to

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DATE: 6/15/65

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-40164) (P)

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Palestine Texas  
June 12, 1965

Mr J. Edgar Hoover.,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C,

Dear Mr Hoover:

Enclosed is a post Card, showing Martin Luther King Attending a Communist training School.

Is this picture a show or trick, or is King actually a Communist?

I'm sure you know about this picture, if not, I only hope it gets to you.

Sincerely

/s/

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Palatine Tex  
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Dear Mr. Hoover

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Sincerely

Palatine Tex

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Martin Luther King at Communist Training School



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 6/15/65

FROM :

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229) (P)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

OO: ATLANTA

On 6/2/65, a man identifying himself as [REDACTED] telephoned the Los Angeles Office stating that he had information that MARTIN LUTHER KING, around the period of 1949-1951 in Los Angeles, tried to persuade a Negro named LESTER TATE, who then lived in [REDACTED] home, to join the Communist Party (CP). b7C

Prior to interviewing [REDACTED] the indices of the Los Angeles Office were checked and no references were found to a [REDACTED] was then personally interviewed by SA [REDACTED] at his residence and employment, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, [REDACTED] residence and place of business is a small frame home located in what is primarily a Negro commercial district. His home carries a sign reading - [REDACTED] related the following:

Around the period of 1949-1951, [REDACTED] was single and was a student at Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles. He was leasing a house located at either [REDACTED] Los Angeles, two or three rooms of which he rented out and the renters all shared a common kitchen and common living room in the house.

Around this time a Negro man about 30 years of age named LESTER TATE was the subject of considerable publicity in the press because he had escaped from a prison farm in one of the Southern States and then Governor EARL WARREN of California had denied extradition. According to [REDACTED] after TATE escaped extradition, several organizations in the Los Angeles area took an interest in him and contacted [REDACTED] who rented a room to TATE, his wife, and one or two children, for a period of about ten months.

- 3 - Bureau (RM) (1 - 100-11301) (1 - 100-30355) (1 - 100-39438)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)
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During that time, [REDACTED] claims that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. visited TATE once or twice and conversed with him in the living room in [REDACTED] presence and talked "Christianity and communism" to TATE in a way that clearly indicated to [REDACTED] that KING was trying to interest TATE in communism so that he would join the CP. According to [REDACTED], KING did not come out and ask TATE directly to join the CP but was high in his praise of communism and obviously this was his purpose. [REDACTED] further claimed that on one occasion KING was accompanied by CHARLOTTA BASS when he came to see TATE and that both of them tried to interest TATE in communism.

[REDACTED] was asked how KING was introduced to him and he stated that TATE introduced him as the Reverend KING. In response to the question as to how he knew this individual to be identical with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. some 15 years later, [REDACTED] stated that he recognized him from many pictures he has seen of him in recent years. When asked why he had not reported this information before, [REDACTED] stated that he had not considered it very important until recent months when he has come to the conclusion that the civil rights movement is being influenced greatly by communists. [REDACTED] stated that it was his recollection that KING was then about 21 or 22 and was attending school in Los Angeles but he had no further information in this regard. b7C

[REDACTED] was asked if he had ever been affiliated with the CP or related groups and he stated that he had not belonged to the CP but that he had had some "leftist" association in past years. [REDACTED] further stated that he had fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the spring of 1936 or 37 and that his name originally was [REDACTED] but that he had used the name of [REDACTED] for many years and had been a chiropractor for the past several years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed by agents of the Los Angeles Office on 8/3/55, at which time he admitted past YCL and CP affiliation. He claimed he dropped out of the CP in 1950. He declined to identify anyone he had known in the CP.

Information in the files of the Los Angeles Office reflect that the Civil Rights Congress and other leftist groups had sponsored LESTER TATE's efforts to avoid extradition to the State of Mississippi. Around the period of July, 1951, or prior thereto, TATE was listed as residing [REDACTED] Los Angeles. The indices of the Los Angeles Office do not reflect that LESTER TATE was ever a member of the CP.

[REDACTED] b7c

EVALUATION OF INFORMATION  
FURNISHED [REDACTED]

During the interview with [REDACTED] he repeatedly digressed to other matters, particularly expressing strong sentiments against Negroes and several times during the interview he remarked that he would be glad to testify for the New York police officer who is suing MARTIN LUTHER KING and JAMES FARMER for libel.

[REDACTED] stated that he owns an apartment building at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, and has had a great deal of trouble in recent months with one Negro tenant in particular that he rented an apartment to.

LA 100-57229

It is not believed [redacted] allegation is based on fact. [redacted] could furnish no facts as to how KING happened to know TATE, or why KING would have tried to recruit TATE into the CP. It is noted that when [redacted] was interviewed on 6/4/65 he remarked that he had not called the Los Angeles Office for the purpose of reporting information about KING but had actually called regarding another matter and just happened to think that the office might be interested in this information on KING. The other matter that [redacted] referred to was a complaint against a Negro employee of the Public Health Department, Los Angeles, which is being made the subject of a separate memorandum. b7(c)

It is further noted (above, page 2) that [redacted] denied that he had ever been a member of the CP when interviewed on 6/4/65, but in 1955, when interviewed by Agents, he admitted past CP membership.

LESTER TATE's present whereabouts is not reflected in the files of the Los Angeles Office.

Atlanta is requested to furnish Los Angeles with any information in its files indicating that KING was in the Los Angeles area during the approximate period 1949-1951 or any other information bearing on the above allegation.

The above is furnished the Bureau for information only and Los Angeles does not contemplate attempting to locate LESTER TATE or conduct further investigation regarding [redacted] allegation, UACB.

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Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum <sup>b(2)</sup> reporting information from [REDACTED] Atlanta is furnished <sup>b(2)</sup> three copies. <sup>b(1)</sup>

This letterhead memorandum is classified <sup>Confidential</sup> "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a source who has furnished sensitive information about the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof.

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Communist Infiltration Into the  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Internal Security - C

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DATE OF 6-14-80

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on June 12, 1965, concerning a contact between Clarence Jones and a man unknown to the source. Their contact was in regard to a three day conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) (headed by Martin Luther King, Jr.) Advisory Committee and Board, which took place at Warrenton, Virginia, on June 8-11, 1965. Jones, in apprising the unknown male what transpired, said the discussion centered around the moving of SCLC operations North, specifically New York and Chicago. The purpose for moving North, according to Jones, would be to make gains in housing, schools and other basic needs.

Jones, in explaining his position, said he told those in attendance that it would be a mistake to conduct non-violent campaigns and demonstrations on school desegregation in the North since there were more important issues; that if they were to move North, a lot of militant support for the Southern movement would be cut off by people in the North; that the power structure in the North would not look kindly on the SCLC if demonstrations were brought North.

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Communist Infiltration Into the SCLC  
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Among other matters discussed, but on which no definite action was taken, were the advisability of - spending (the SCLC) two months in Chicago and New York Communities to mobilize people to conduct a series of demonstrations; and the sending of experienced people to these areas to run operations incidental thereto.

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Page A2665. Congressman Martin, (R) Alabama, extended his remarks concerning Martin Luther King and pointed out that "There is every indication that one of King's chief supporters, the occupant of the White House, may be losing some of his admiration for the self-styled saviour." He included a column written by Holmes Alexander and published in the Montgomery Advertiser which points up some of the problems of the Johnson-King relationship. Mr. Alexander stated "Dr. Martin Luther King is somewhere in the revolving door between the vestibule of power and the great outdoors of the White House disfavor. - - - Dr. King still stands under the thunderous indictment of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who called him a continental liar, and it's very difficult for anybody to be simultaneously registered in the good book of Mr. President and the bad book of Mr. Hoover."

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies, three copies, Birmingham two copies and Jacksonville one copy of an LHM concerning the SCLC Conference in August, 1965, at Birmingham, Alabama.

Miami letter and LHM 6/26/64 captioned as above was written solely about Reverend EDWARD T. GRAHAM and contained complete documentation of him.

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RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP  
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On May 25, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

The SCLC, which is headed by Martin Luther King, Jr., will hold its annual convention in Birmingham, Alabama, on August 10 - 12, 1965. About 200 delegates, families of delegates, members of the executive board and guests are expected to attend.

Source further advised King has instructed delegates to seek accommodations at one of the newly integrated downtown Birmingham hotels rather than at Gastons Motel, a local colored motel. It is expected that all meetings will be held at the hotel which is selected.

Florida members of the SCLC executive board are Reverend C. K. Steele of Tallahassee and Reverend Edward T. Graham of Miami.

Source advised John Lewis of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee is now a member of the SCLC executive board.

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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[REDACTED]  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111

Dear [REDACTED] b7(c)

On June 15th I received your letter, with enclosures, and want to thank you for your confidence in my administration of the FBI. Your support is a source of encouragement for me and it is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

With respect to my characterization of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., let me say at the outset, it is not my purpose to create an atmosphere of discord in connection with matters involving the legitimate attempts on the part of a minority group to obtain rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

When the FBI is criticized unjustly by an individual who is not basing his position on facts, and who by doing so is contributing adversely to the issues involved, I find it necessary to set the record straight.

In November, 1962, in discussing racial disturbances in Albany, Georgia, Mr. King was widely quoted in the press as stating that one of the greatest problems regarding the FBI in the South is that the Agents are white Southerners who have been influenced by the mores of the community. Actually, approximately 70% of the FBI Agents assigned to Southern offices are from the North. Moreover, four of the five Agents then assigned to Albany, Georgia, were Northerners, namely from Minnesota, Indiana, Massachusetts and New York. In my attempts to have Mr. King contacted to have these facts brought to his attention, Mr. King refused to grant the FBI an appointment. Therefore, it was concluded that he was not interested in the truth but was merely being


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unfair and grossly untruthful. As a result of this incident, in talking to the ladies of the press on November 18, 1964, I gave them my characterization of Mr. King in regard to his Albany, Georgia, remarks.

I trust the above will be of assistance to you in learning of my position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Since he has referred to articles appearing in "The U. S. News and World Report" the usual Bureau reprint material concerning this topic is not being forwarded.



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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19111

Dear Mr Hoover: I have enclosed a letter which I was going to send to the Philadelphia Bulletin in response to an Editorial by Anthony Day. It was provoked and written off the top of my head Friday night. Saturday morning I thought that before I sent it I'd better go to the library and find out just exactly what you and King did say, before I called Day an intellectual liar.

After reading all the notes I have here typed out which was all I could find in the US News and World report and Time and the NY Times Nov 19 and 20th I decided I could not send my letter as it stood. The comment after the quote was indeed sleazy but there was an element of truth in it at least.

The reason I am writing is that since I couldn't find out what King said and am further confused about how it could have appeared in a column or clipping in a Chicago newspaper two years previously, I wondered if you could clarify the matter.

I realize that you do not wish to become embroiled in a personal controversy with King as it wouldn't help either of you and would hurt the FBI, still this missing link is so big and the civil rights movement so portending that it is bound to come up again.

In any case I will not attempt to publicize any comment you make against your wish. I have assumed that King may have made statements which filtered back to you in whole and in part from

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sources you had no reason to doubt but which since there may have been no printed records cannot be documented. I thought of a statement that Mr. King was said to have made after arriving in New York after that policeman killed a negro boy that started the NY riots. A statement that he was supposed to have made before the Grand Jury met, even while the riots were still going on perhaps and which may have helped prolong them in which he said the policeman was a murderer. So I am glad you cut him down a peg.

I have written several letters to the editor in response to attacks on the FBI. One to Life magazine for an article by Loudon Wainwright, which they did not print and one by Jay Hayden appearing in the Philadelphia Bulletin in which they did print my response.

Your Sincere Admirer

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Dear Editor: Your editorial page may very likely have the finest writing in the country. But I do not understand how a distortion such as the one appearing in Mr. Day's column "J. Edgar Hoover still one of a Kind" would get into print. I am referring to the sentence which read "Last winter he called the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King 'the most notorious liar in the country' for alleging that too many FBI agents in the south are southerners."

The construction of this sentence is such that it implies that the lie referred to is in the statement about too many FBI agents being southerners. I am certain that your staff knows better than that as well as Mr. Day. This is just plain intellectual dishonesty.

Any clear memory of the incident recalls the chief aroused by more than the mere accusation that there are some southerners in the FBI. The accusation struck at integrity of the organization. And the comment made by the chief referred to past statements made by King.

The excuse of an unfortunate juxtaposition of quote and comment is pale in an article that refers to Hoover as a little man with a pugnacious face, a subordinate, intransigent, the questionable and exaggerated comment that he has expressed a personal distaste to the civil rights movement that he goes to the congress behind the attorney generals back, that he gets his supportian

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congress by working on them for 41 years. This suggests that the Congress and even the Presidents are somehow mindless and without a will of their own. And finally he uses the synical word "cop" in speaking of a symbol of uncorruptable law enforcement. The FBI is referred to as a "principality" and as intractable and stubborn.

I am sure Mr. Bay's intent is only to be a darling of the liberals and to guard against what ever police state danger is involved in the FBI or Mr Hoover becoming sacrosanct because of this one statement against Dr. King and certain other rumored attorney general dissatisfactions over vague disagreements.

But against this the smoldering discontent of negrows against police and the Communist announced intent to discredit anti communism have to be considered in the balance. The FBI has to be an important anti subversive element, who can argue that, and with the President and congress overseeing the Bureau and its chief the balance must rationally tip to it over the dangers of discrediting its stature.

Faulty judgement and irrationality are one thing but minuplation is something else.

# He Can Be Frustrating

## J. Edgar Hoover Still One of a Kind

Washington — A year ago President Johnson was faced with a need to appoint a successor to J. Edgar Hoover as director of the FBI. Hoover was approaching 70, the com-



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plimentary retirement age for federal employees. Mr. Johnson solved the problem with typical originality. He issued an executive order exempting Hoover from the requirement "for an indefinite period of time."

Today, more than a year later, there is no sign that the "indefinite period of time" is coming to an end for the little man with the pug-nacious face who remade the FBI in his own image 41 years ago.

### Goes to the Top

The President has scotched rumors that Hoover's retirement is imminent, and another attorney general in a long list of attorney generals has

come to understand that he is Hoover's chief in name only.

Attorney General Nicholas DeLoach Katzenbach has found out that in a sense Hoover has

the boss. The FBI is a separate principal within the government, and Hoover, with the enthusiastic consent of Congress and the people, is its ruler. He is accustomed to dealing with Presidents, not attorneys general.

Katzenbach's predecessor, Robert F. Kennedy, tried to make Hoover and the FBI as subordinate to the attorney general as they are on the table of organization for the Justice Department. Although Kennedy was the President's brother, he did not succeed. Kennedy's relations with Hoover became distant, correct and cool.

The new attorney general has acquiesced to the realities. He knows that President Johnson bypasses him to deal directly with the FBI director. Last fall the President did not even notify Katzenbach that he had asked Hoover to investigate the case of Walter W. Jenkins, the presidential assistant arrested on a morals charge. More recently the President sent FBI agents to the Dominican Republic without the active consent of his attorney general.

### Katzenbach's Approach SURE

Katzenbach, more polite than the abrasive Bob Kennedy, makes a point of treating Hoover with formal deference. When the 43-year-old attorney general wants his 70-year-old subordinate to do something, the order is usually put in the form of a suggestion during one of the fairly regular chats Katzenbach makes it a point to have with Hoover.

Katzenbach finds Hoover of ten amenable to persuasion. When approached this way, Hoover's response to Katzenbach's requirements in the civil rights field has been

swift and thoroughgoing. Although Hoover has expressed personal distaste for the civil rights movement and some of its leaders.

Last winter, he called the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King "the most notorious liar in the country" for alleging that too many FBI agents in the South are Southerners. Hoover insisted he was surprised at the outcry that greeted this remark, but under Katzenbach's soft-spoken guidance he has been keeping his opinions to himself. It is a mark of Hoover's power that he could say such a thing without being fired.

### A Typical Tactic

On other matters, Hoover is intransigent. There are some things no attorney general could get him to do.

The proposal for a national crime commission is an example. Several attorneys general have toyed with the idea of establishing one. Hoover opposes a crime commission. He thinks it would interfere with orderly law enforcement. So nothing has come of it.

Every attorney general has discovered that if he were to ask Congress for a crime commission, Hoover would go to Congress behind the attorney

general's back and get his many friends there to kill the bill.

Hoover's powerful support in Congress and the country is the product of 41 years of the same kind of singleminded, painstaking work he inspires in his agents.

### FBI Still Symbol

Given the assignment by President Coolidge to build a national police force, Hoover created the professional, non-political FBI and fitted it with a reputation to match. He made the FBI the ideal icon, a symbol of incorruptible law enforcement.

Just as carefully as Hoover built his bureau, he made friends in Congress, friends with the senior chairmen of the committees and friends with junior congressmen, like Lyndon B. Johnson, who might some day be important.

By now Hoover's position is so nearly impregnable that even a President could scarcely remove him. None has tried.

More than one attorney general, reflecting on this often frustrating state of affairs, has found some cause for satisfaction nevertheless. The country is better served by an inextinguishable and stubborn FBI than an FBI overly eager to please its political masters.

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J. Edgar Hoover

At 70, stubborn, intractable and indestructible.

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"In some circles, it was a common belief that special agents of the FBI who are assigned to south are without exception southern born. As a matter of fact 70 per cent of the agents currently assigned to southern offices were born in the north.

"In spite of this, Rev. M. L. King has attempted to capitalize on this misconception by claiming that all FBI agents assigned to Albany, Ga. are northern born and Rev. King has been made aware of this fact.

In view of King's attitude and his continued criticism of the FBI on this point, I consider King to be the most notorious liar in the country.

(not in order) "I remember the notorious M L King making a speech in the south some months ago where he advised the negroes not to report any violations to our Albany, Georgia agents because they were all southerners."

The newsladies asked if they could Quote Hoover on that. Indeed they could said the FBI chief. But the next day one of his aides entered some qualifications. "He didn't say every thing King said was a lie." "Just the specific point on Albany"

Exactly when had King said such a thing about the BEI in Albany? A Hoover aide produced a quote in a Nov 20 1962 clipping from the Chicago Defender, a negro newspaper.

(( This quote was almost 2 years previous. I was not aware that there was any activity in Albany in 1962.)) I was not able to obtain a copy of the clipping from the Chicago Defender.

King-"I have sincerely questioned the effectiveness of the FBI in racial incidents... particularly where bombings.. but I have never attributed this merely to the presence of southerners in the FBI.

"This is part of a broader question of Fed involvement in the protection of negroes in the south and seeming inability to gain convictions.

"Moreover all FBI agents inevitably work with local law enforcement officials in car thefts, bank robberies and other interstate violations.

"This makes it difficult for them to function effectively in cases where the rights and safety of negro citizens are being threatened by these same law enforcement officials.

(( This seemingly innocent rationalization of what might be expected in an ordinary human nature reaction to working associates must be the very thing that the Standard and Stature of the diplomatic or FBI organization must keep in the minds of their agents and which is the very reason for its loyalty.))

Lester Dunbar executive head Southern Regional Council "the main drawback to vigorous enforcement of Civil Rights is the organizational approach of working very closely with local law enforcement authorities.

\*\* A new idea unrelated to the FBI but connected to the Civil rights movement "appeasement of the white south"

King " I never advised negroes in Albany not to report to the FBI.

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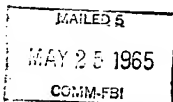
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 19th, with enclosures, was received as Mr. Hoover was preparing to leave the city.

With respect to your inquiry, he asked me to advise you that regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the confidential nature of the information contained in FBI files preclude his commenting as you suggested. He trusts you understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary



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In view of the above and the fact that the statement to which he alludes may have been privileged, it is not felt that it would serve the best interests of this Bureau to determine the identity of the individual to whom he refers.

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On June 13, 1965, a confidential source, who has *3/30/81* furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones were in contact on that date. Levison related to Jones what he had gathered from a recent conversation he had with Harry Wachtel. According to Levison, he was confident that Wachtel was trying to "sink a knife in Jones' back" concerning Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC). Levison said Wachtel was also against Walter Fauntroy (head of the Washington, D.C. office of the SCLC) and Andrew (Andrew Young, Director of the SCLC). *(u)*

Wachtel, Levison said, remarked that King needed him to represent him, and that "nobody was going to push him (Wachtel) out of Washington". Levison said Wachtel's attitude was such that King should be informed; that King knew that Wachtel was trying to take over as his number one advisor. Levison commented that Wachtel could not make it on his own in Washington, therefore, he was going to make it through King. Levison said Wachtel's attitude was that "when you are talking to me you are talking to King". *(u)*

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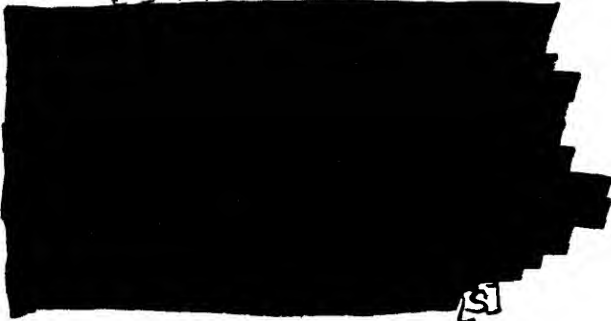
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Levison and Jones agreed that Wachtel was an individual who would need a great deal of watching. (S) (u)

Jones told Levison not to worry about the relationship between Bayard Rustin and Wachtel because the "weight of the relationship will destroy itself". Levison answered that he was not worried about Rustin and Wachtel because Rustin "does not threaten him because he (Rustin) is an established leader in his own right". (S) (u)



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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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### Communist Influence In Racial Matters

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"



1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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Date 6-21-65

To

SAC,

New Orleans

(100-16800)

From

Director, FBI

(100-106670)

Subject:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Reference:

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from New Orleans

to Director, FBI

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- ☐ d. Pretext not described
- ☐ e. Documentation re FISUR Agents omitted
- ☐ f. Failure to meet 5-day reporting rule after arrest

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- ☐ b. Dictation ☐ d. Reporting

☐ 3. O.O. incorrect (O.O. is)☐ 4. Reporting office☐ 5. Date of communication☐ 6. Investigative period☐ 7. Title

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- ☐ b. Misspelled ☐ 1. Changed ☐ 1. Omitted
- ☐ c. Omitted ☐ 2. Carried ☐ 2. Incorrectly carried
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- ☐ 2. Wanted Flyer No.
- ☐ 3. Check Circular No.

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- ☐ b. Facts not in detail or vice versa
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- ☐ 2. Employed key facility
- ☐ 3. Has access classified data at key facility
- ☐ d. Recovery value not set out
- ☐ e. "Caution" statement
- ☐ 1. Omitted
- ☐ 2. Failure to delete

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- ☐ g. Failed to
- ☐ 1. Take sworn statement
- ☐ 2. Show employed key facility
- ☐ 3. Show date information received
- ☐ 4. Show name of Agent conducting interview
- ☐ 5. Show has access classified data at key facility

☐ 1. Characterization omitted

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- ☐ 2. Probation Flash

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- ☐ b. Declassify ☐ Protective ☐ Group

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- ☐ a. Not set out ☐ b. Too vague

☐ 18. Informants

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- ☐ b. 45-day contact missed
- ☐ c. Incorrect T symbol ☐ f. Failed to submit evaluation memo
- ☐ d. Not identified

☐ 19. Reference

- ☐ a. Incorrect ☐ b. Omitted

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- ☐ a. Not submitted
- ☐ b. Violation block incorrect

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NYO will conduct investigation to verify departure  
of JONES and LEVISON from NY for Va.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised, on May 29, 1965, that, on that date, Clarence Jones commented that there had been a meeting the previous day with Martin Luther King (meeting of the Research Committee of King and his advisors on May 28, 1965). Jones stated that there was a list of people who were proposed as members of a tax exempt board for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), which board is designed to be a trustee to administer funds for educational programs, leadership training, non violence and so forth. He noted that it is undecided whether it is to be called "The Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation". (S) (U)

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This source further advised, on May 29, 1965, that, on that date, Clarence Jones told Stanley Levison that he had spoken to Martin Luther King about Bill Stein (being employed by the SCLC). He said that King advised him to speak to Stein and get him to commit himself. According to Jones, King told him that he could go ahead and hire Stein. Levison stated that he would contact Stein and pin him down on this. DC  
VA

The source stated that they also discussed Warrenton, (Virginia) with Levison wanting to know how Jones was going down (to attend the SCLC leadership meeting scheduled to begin on June 8, 1965). Levison said that "they" wanted them down there on Wednesday (June 9, 1965) and that it would last through the 10th and 11th. He added that he and Jones could take a plane to Washington and rent a car there. Jones commented that he could leave at any time and Levison expressed a preference for leaving in the morning so they could enjoy the whole day.

Jones mentioned that Andy (probably Andrew Young, Executive Director of the SCLC) had been invited to speak to the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee about getting prominent people from the Wall Street Community together at an unpublicized luncheon. He said that Andy was impressed with some names that had been given him and wanted Jones to contact King to make sure he would go along with it. Levison felt this was good and that Bill Stein could play a role in things such as this because there always is a need for someone who can arrange things.

Levison inquired if anything had been discussed concerning the Summer Community Organization and Political Education (SCOPE) project. According to Jones, the question of narrowing the magnitude of the project had been discussed and that it had been agreed the number of people involved should be reduced from about 2000 to 1000 or 1200 and that there should be a narrowing in the geographic sense.

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Levison also asked what the main theme of the meeting had been (Research Committee meeting of King and his advisors held on May 28, 1965). Jones told him that they discussed King's upcoming vacation and the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (S) (u)

"The New York Times", June 8, 1964, page 19, contained an article which stated that the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee would direct the activities of about 150 lawyers who volunteered to work in the South without fee handling civil rights cases during the summer of 1964. (S) (u)

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FREEPORT, NEW YORK 11520

May 19, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My congregation made a statement last week that I feel I owe it to myself to check. I did it at the time when you and Martin Luther King were engaged in a controversy and I was in your office to settle it you presented me with material damaging to him, viz., affidavits, tape recordings, etc. The claim was that there were 55 in number and that they had to do with being with that number of white women who are engaged in sex relations with them.

When then went on to say that you laid out before him, asked if he wished to continue the argument with you and that he said: "Let's settle this matter." This statement did not come from a person who is without education, but a lawyer who once worked in your organization. I am in that I doubted it and that I could not believe it to be true.

Now about it I have concluded that I must check you and check it out. I would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to let me know whether it is true or not. I believe that this is vital to the welfare of our country and the civil rights struggle to rail untrue stories and rumors only in truth. There is so much propaganda and rumors that it is incumbent upon us to

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Re New York telephone call of 6/9/65, concerning departure of STANLEY LEVISON, CLARENCE JONES, BAYARD RUSTIN and woman believed to be ADELE KANTOR, from New York, for SCLC meeting in Virginia.

Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum incorporating that information; three copies are furnished for Atlanta; two copies are enclosed for Richmond and Washington Field's information.

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New York, New York

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On May 21, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the leaders and advisors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) (headed by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) would be held in Virginia (at Warrenton, Virginia), on June 8 - 11, 1965.

On May 29, 1965, the source advised that Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison conferred on that date regarding the SCLC meeting scheduled for June 8-11, 1965, in Virginia. In that regard, Levison told Jones that "they" wanted them (Levison and Jones) down there on Wednesday (June 9, 1965). Levison and Jones discussed what means of transportation they would use to go down there.

On June 8, 1965, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison was in contact with Clarence Jones' secretary on that date. Levison instructed her to make airline reservations for himself, Jones and Adele Kantor (employee of the New York Office of the SCLC) for June 9, 1965, to Dulles Airport, Virginia.

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The same source advised on June 9, 1965, that Jones' secretary and Andrew Young (Executive Director of the SCLC) conferred and she told him that Jones, Bayard Rustin (organizer of the March on Washington) and two other people (Levison and Kantor) would arrive at National Airport, Washington, D.C., at 6:10 PM. She said they would be met by a car which would take them to Warrenton, Virginia that night, June 9, 1965. X (u)

On June 9, 1965, at 5:48 PM, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Bayard Rustin, Stanley Levison, Clarence Jones and an unidentified woman (Adele Kantor), board 6:00 PM Eastern Airlines Shuttle Flight, bound from LaGuardia Airport, New York City, to National Airport, Washington, D.C.

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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              (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan *JS*

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FB*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

DATE: 5/8/65

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Freund

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*b7(D)* [REDACTED] telephoned you (Mr. Sullivan) and furnished the following information concerning subject King and the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., a Communist front.

*b7(D)* [REDACTED] has learned of rumors to the effect that King is to be assassinated when he goes to Bogalusa, Louisiana, 5/18/65. King will reportedly be accompanied to Bogalusa by James Farmer, Head of the Congress of Racial Equality. *FB*

*b7(D)* [REDACTED]

## RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is an airtel to New Orleans, Atlanta (origin concerning King) and Jackson advising of the above information and instructing that local authorities at Atlanta and Bogalusa be advised of the threat concerning King.

*b7(D)* [REDACTED]

Enclosure *sent 6-9-65*

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)  
RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies and for New York two copies of a Letterhead Memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

[REDACTED] (C) b(1)

[REDACTED] advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina. b(1)

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the  
U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order  
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A Characterization of Freedomways is attached  
hereto.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1964, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by James Jackson, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA



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Atlanta, Georgia  
June 7, 1965

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Title	COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Atlanta, Georgia.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date 6-14-65

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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
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TO DIRECTOR -5- /100-106670/

FROM NEW YORK /100-136585/

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SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST  
MARTIN LUTHER KING. SM-C.

RE NEW YORK TELE CALL TO BUREAU JUNE THIRTEEN INSTANT.

b7(c) [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] NASSAU COUNTY PD, ADVISED THAT AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, HEMPSTEAD, LONG ISLAND, NY, JUNE THIRTEEN SIXTY FIVE, APPROX TWELVE TO EIGHTEEN ANTI - MARTIN LUTHER KING PICKETS WERE OUTSIDE COMMENCEMENT SITE AS GRADUATES MARCHED IN. THEY REPORTED NO INCIDENTS OUTSIDE.

AT GRADUATION EXERCISES, AS KING ROSE TO SPEAK, AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN STOOD AND SHOUTED THAT KING HAD BEEN CITED SIXTEEN TIMES AS A COMMUNIST AND RAN OUT OF STADIUM.

NEW YORK CITY NEWSCASTS REPORT THAT ABOUT TWELVE DEMONSTRATORS HECKLED HOFSTRA GRADUATES AS THEY MARCHED TO GRADUATION EXERCISES

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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SHOUTING THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING IS THE MOST NOTORIOUS LIAR IN THE WORLD AND "DESTROY RED AND BLACK BOLSHEVISM". NEWSCASTS IDENTIFIED LEADER OF DEMONSTRATORS AS DENTIST WILLIAM F. DOWLING OF LONG ISLAND AND GROUP AS LONG ISLAND COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOM.

NYO INDICES NEGATIVE ON THIS COMMITTEE. COMPLAINANT, IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AND DR. WILLIAM DOWLING OF HEMPSTEAD, LONG ISLAND AS BIRCH SOCIETY MEMBERS.

LETTERHEAD REWIND  
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Date: 6/11/65

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To: Director, FBI (100-106670)

Att.: ~~Civil Rights Section~~  
~~General Investigative Division~~From: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-210) (P)

Subject: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. b7(c)

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☐ RACIAL MATTERS

Re Cincinnati teletype and airtel to Bureau, 6/8/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed for Atlanta are two copies of LHM.

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.; F.D-327  
DEPT: ISD, CRD, RAO  
DATE FORW: 6-18-65 J.S.A.V.C.  
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BY: SE/1091 - CELHM  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 11, 1965

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to communication dated June 8, 1965,  
captioned as above.

On June 10, 1965, [REDACTED] Sheriff, Greene  
County Sheriff's Office, Xenia, Ohio, furnished the  
following information:

On June 9, 1965, King gave a commencement address at  
Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. While King was  
giving the address, [REDACTED] the university  
switchboard operator, received a call at 10:45 A.M. The  
caller, who sounded like a Negro woman with a Southern accent,  
said, "I'm calling to tell you there is a rumor the klan  
is going to get you if King goes on the stand today."

[REDACTED] requested the caller to repeat her  
statement to Bernard Lee, King's assistant who was in the  
vicinity of the switchboard at the time. The caller repeated  
her statement and hung up the phone after refusing to give her  
name.

King was advised of the call by the Greene County  
Sheriff's Office, but did not take it seriously and stated,  
"I've received many such calls in the past." King departed  
from Cox Municipal Airport, Vandalia, Ohio, via United Airlines  
Flight 178 at about 1:00 P.M., June 9, 1965.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
SM-C  
(OO: Atlanta)

Re NY teletype of 6/13/65, regarding KING's appearance at Hofstra University, Hempstead, LI.

Enclosed are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum incorporating the information contained in the teletype, as well as information reported in the New York "Daily News", June 14, 1965. Two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office.

NYO indices negative on the Long Island Committee to Preserve American Freedom.

In August, 1963, a complainant of the NYO identified himself and Dr. WILLIAM DOWLING of Hempstead, LI, as John Birch members.

SA [REDACTED] was the Agent of the NYO who heard the newscast on radio station WINS.

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

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On June 13, 1965, [redacted] and [redacted] Nassau County Long Island Police Department, advised that during Hofstra University Commencement exercises at Hempstead, Long Island, on June 13, 1965, approximately twelve to eighteen "anti-Martin Luther King pickets" were outside the commencement site as the graduates marched in.

According to the information from these officers, during the commencement exercises in the university stadium, as King arose to speak, an unidentified man stood and shouted "King has been cited sixteen times as a Communist." He then ran out of the stadium.

On June 13, 1965, radio station WINS, a New York City station, reported that about twelve demonstrators heckled Hofstra graduates as they marched to graduation exercises shouting that "Martin Luther King is the most notorious liar in the world" and "destroy red and black Bolshevism." The news-cast identified the leader of the demonstrators as Dr. William F. Dowling, a Long Island dentist. The group was identified as the Long Island Committee to Preserve American Freedom.

*William F. Dowling*  
On June 14, 1965, the New York "Daily News", a local New York City paper, on page 28, column 1, reported under the caption, "King Boored at Hofstra As He Goes for Degree," Martin Luther King's appearance at Hofstra University on June 13, 1965.

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According to the paper, King was booed and hissed by a group of twelve demonstrators as he marched in an academic procession in Hofstra University, Hempstead, Long Island.

"Martin Luther King is the most notorious liar in America," chorused the demonstrators, the article reports. The demonstrators identified themselves as members of the Long Island Committee to Preserve Our American Freedom.

As the ten block procession of students in caps and gowns headed toward the Hofstra football stadium, according to the article, the demonstrators chanted: "Destroy red and black Bolshevism."

When King spoke to the 900 graduates and 7,000 person audience, a man stood up and heckled him. He was led from the stadium by police.

King, the article states, warned that storm clouds of a third World War were "hanging mighty low," in referring to the struggle in Viet Nam. He said alternatives must be found to violence and war.

"It is either non-violence or non-existence", said King.

King received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.

RE:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)  
SUBJECT: CIRM (OO: N.Y.)

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There are enclosed for the Bureau 9 copies of a LHM containing information furnished by [REDACTED] 5/28/65, about a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES. This conversation concerned LEVISON's backing of a person named BILL STEIN for a position with the SCLC. NY is attempting to identify STEIN. (u)

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- 3- Atlanta (100-6670)
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- 1- New York (100-149194) (SCLC) (41)
- 1- New York (100-155214) (BILL STEIN) (42)
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Re: Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters  
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On May 28, 1965, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date Stanley Levison was in contact with Clarence Jones. Levison discussed with Jones the possibility of seeing Martin Luther King for one half hour to discuss one Bill Stein. Levison felt this was important enough for him to cancel a trip to Wilmington, Delaware, if the meeting with King could be arranged. However, Jones advised him that it would not be possible because of a meeting to be held from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (a meeting of the Research Committee consisting of King and his advisors on May 28, 1965). Levison added that he would be willing to go to Atlanta for an hour's discussion in order to settle it.

Jones asked Levison how he, Jones, could get the information to Levison if there is a definite agreement to take Bill Stein on. Levison replied that if "he" (King) is willing to go along with that he, Levison, did not have to know until Saturday (May 29, 1965). Levison said he is concerned that if Jones gives the proposal to King "in bare bones", King and Andy (Young, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC) might say they do not know Bill Stein that well, that he is white, and that it raises some questions. Levison added that he has spent a long time with him (Stein) probing "these things" and is convinced he can do an exceptional job especially among white churches. Levison stated that it would take a "bit of selling" unless King is willing to say "OK".

Jones commented that he personally feels that they are quite impressed with Stein. Levison replied that they should be because Stein has original ideas and is dedicated. He added that it (taking on Stein) would only be on a trial basis. Jones added that he would say that Levison met this person (Stein) and discussed the program and his responsibilities and relationship to the SCLC and on the basis of Levison's judgment, Levison felt this person would be good. Jones said he would put it on the basis that there

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# Communist Influence in Racial Matters

will be a trial period with the understanding that if the job worked out, it will be extended to a definite time.

Levison commented that if the question of money is raised, Jones should say \$7,500, to start but if "they" (King and Young) raise the question of Negro churches, it will be a problem. He continued that it could be questioned that a Negro pastor would be more effective and that his idea is that they should find a Negro minister in each city to take this on as a continuing volunteer with Bill Stein to coordinate these Negro ministers. He said they may have to have a part-time Negro minister traveling but would not do it unless they saw that the income justified it.

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Communist Influence in Racial Matters

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Date: 6/10/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) *b7(c)*

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-293)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Atlanta teletype, 6/7/65.

*b7(D)*

that [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had learned from the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., arrived in Cleveland during the evening of 6/8/65 and registered at the above hotel. He departed during the early morning hours of 6/9/65. There was no publicity given to his being in Cleveland, and he did not make a public appearance. *A*

It is noted that Rev. KING delivered the Commencement address at Wilberforce University in southern Ohio on 6/9/65.

As Rev. KING made no public appearance in Cleveland territory, no letterhead memo is being submitted. He is scheduled to return to the Cleveland area on 6/13/65 and will address Oberlin College. A letterhead memo will be submitted at that time.

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1 - Atlanta (Info) (157-400) (RM)  
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To: Director, FBI (100-106670)

Att.: Civil Rights Section  
General Investigative Division

From: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-210)

Subject: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERSRe Atlanta tel to Director, 6/7/65, and  
Cincinnati tel to Director, 6/8/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Two copies of letterhead memorandum for Atlanta Office.

[REDACTED] furnished information contained  
in this LHM to SA [REDACTED]

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.;

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DATE FORW: 6-11-65

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o-7 to Cincinnati 6/11/65  
Remaintel & LHM 6/8/65.  
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"S.M.-C" not "R.M.".  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio

June 8, 1965

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

b7(D)

[REDACTED] furnished the following  
information:

Martin Luther King, Jr. is scheduled to deliver the commencement address at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, on June 9, 1965. Commencement ceremonies are scheduled for 10:30 A.M. in the Jones Auditorium at the University. With King will be his father, Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., pastor of a Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, who will receive an honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

b7(c) [REDACTED]

Re my airtel and LHM dated 5/25/65 entitled "SCHEDULED VISIT BY REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JOLIET, ILLINOIS, JUNE 4, 1965; RM," and my teletypes to Bureau and Atlanta dated 6/3, 4 & 5/65 on captioned matter.

Enclosed for Bureau are eight (8) copies and for Atlanta two (2) copies of LHM pertaining to above.

- ENCLOSURE
- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
  - 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
  - 2 - Chicago
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MJW:JMB

(7) AGENCY: ACSL, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.;  
DEPT: IED, CRD, [unclear]

DATE FORW: 6-10-65

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BY: [unclear]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Chicago, Illinois  
June 7, 1965

**MARTIN LUTHER KING  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST**

Reference is made to memorandum dated May 25, 1965, at Chicago, Illinois, entitled "Scheduled Visit by Reverend Martin Luther King, Joliet, Illinois; June 4, 1965, Racial Matters.

[REDACTED] advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Joliet, Illinois, that Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., arrived at O'Hare Field, Chicago, Illinois, at 7:26 p.m., June 4, 1965, via Trans World Airlines from New York City. King boarded a charter flight for Joliet, Illinois, where he gave an address to a rally at Joliet Memorial Stadium. b7(D)

King spoke at the rally, which was sponsored by the Citizens Action for Racial Brotherhood (CARB), from 9:10 p.m. to 9:50 p.m., on June 4, 1965. There were approximately 750 to 1,000 people in attendance, representing various nationality and racial groups.

[REDACTED] advised that the main theme of King's talk was "People are facing the challenge of the new age and that the old order is passing away." King stressed four points, which were "brotherly togetherness; racial segregation must be dissolved; Negroes will achieve excellence in all fields of endeavor; and Negroes will develop action programs in prayer and determined works with the power of non-violence." At the conclusion of his talk, King was followed by comedian Dick Gregory, who gave a short talk. b7(D)

At the conclusion of the proceedings, King returned to O'Hare Field, Chicago, Illinois, via charter plane. The proceedings concluded at approximately 11:15 p.m., at Joliet, Illinois, and there were no incidents and the entire affair was quite orderly.

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING

[REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, June 5, 1965, that King departed O'Hare Field at 11:50 p.m., June 4, 1965, via Delta Airlines Flight 93, for Atlanta, Georgia. There were no incidents in connection with King's stopover at O'Hare Field.

On June 5, 1965, [REDACTED] Region I, 113th INTC Group, was advised of the above information. |

On June 5, 1965, [REDACTED] United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, was advised of the above information. | b7(c)

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Atlanta, Georgia

June 9, 1965

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Title                    MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
  
Character                RACIAL MATTERS  
  
Reference                Letterhead Memorandum dated  
                          and captioned as above at  
                          Atlanta, Georgia.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586)

RE: APPEARANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
7/9/65  
RM

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 6/4/65 captioned  
as above.

As of this date the only information furnished by  
Atlanta sources pertaining to possible appearance of KING  
in Los Angeles on 7/9/65 is set forth in Atlanta airtel to  
Bureau dated 6/4/65 captioned MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM (JUNE).

Atlanta will remain alert to any information  
pertaining to captioned matter and promptly advise the Bureau  
and Los Angeles.

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1- Atlanta (100-5586)  
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TO

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5-27-65

FROM

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

b7(c)

We learned today (5-27-65) that Congressman James Martin (Republican) of Alabama had allegedly made a press release in Gadsden, Alabama, 5-24-65 concerning possible exposure of King by the President at such time as it is considered politically expedient.

In order to check this out, SAC Ingram of our Birmingham Office was instructed on 5-27-65 to review the Gadsden papers and advise the Bureau whether such a story had been printed. At 5 p.m., 5-27-65, Ingram called and said that the story had appeared in the "Gadsden Times" of 5-25-65. He read the article, which is set out as follows:

"MARTIN SAYS LBJ WILL EXPOSE KING

"Representative James Martin, R-Alabama, says Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., would be 'exposed' by President Johnson in a 'great political-genius master stroke.'

"Martin, in a radio interview here, said Johnson had the key to a secret file on King's civil rights record and that the Chief Executive would take 'political advantage' before exposing King.

"I frankly predict that after President Johnson has gotten all the political advantages out of King's record that he possibly can, in a few months from now he will expose King's record for a great political-genius master stroke..."

The Alabama lawmaker said he met with Johnson for 'about 45 minutes' prior to the Selma to Montgomery civil rights march. He said he told Johnson of 'certain left wing elements connected with King's civil rights group.'

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"Martin said the President told him 'the Communist Party has not been outlawed and this is a free country to come and go as you like.'

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
100-106670

"He said he told Johnson that C. T. Vivian, one of King's top aides, had communist connections and that several other members of the King party should have been withdrawn from the Selma movement.

"Martin said Johnson 'was determined to keep tight any of the secret file on King. In fact he's sitting on that file a lot tighter than they are sitting on the gold supply at Fort Knox.'

"I hope we can put pressure in the proper places' Martin said 'so that eventually the full record on King can be made available.'"

According to Ingram, on 5-26-65 an editorial appeared in the "Gadsden Times" regarding the above-captioned article. The editorial stated that if the information furnished by Martin is correct, Johnson should make it public.

ACTION:

The Birmingham Office is putting in the mail tonight copies of the article, together with copies of the editorial. When they are received a letter will be directed to the White House and to the Attorney General concerning this matter, together with copies of the article and editorial.

*[Handwritten notes and signatures]*  
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6/27/65

RE:

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Eland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Freund

To: SACs New Orleans  
Atlanta (100-8886)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670) (100-10355)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.  
IS-C

b7(D)

telephonically furnished Assistant Director William C. Sullivan the following information concerning subject King and the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SECF).

b7(D) [redacted] has heard rumors that King is to be assassinated when he goes to Bogalusa, Louisiana on 6/18/65. King will reportedly accompany James Farmer, Head of the Congress of Racial Equality, to Bogalusa.

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Airtel to New Orleans and Atlanta  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
100-106370

New Orleans and Atlanta are instructed to immediately advise local authorities concerning the reported threat on King's life.

New Orleans should also interview [REDACTED] and attempt to elicit more specific details concerning the information he telephoned to the Bureau. The information concerning the threat on King's life should be incorporated in a MEM under the King caption so that it may be disseminated at Bureau Headquarters.

[REDACTED]

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Information copy to Jackson because of the reported activity at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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By [redacted] - mcl

Via AIRTEL

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Room 828 RB

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)(P)  
SUBJECT: CHANGED:  
APPEARANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,  
JULY 9, 1965  
RACIAL MATTER

Title is marked "Changed" to reflect the date of  
KING's appearance as July 9, 1965, instead of June 9, 1965.

Re Los Angeles airtel and LHM dated 5/28/65, cap-  
tioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C;" and Bureau airtel  
dated 5/28/65 and Los Angeles airtel dated 6/2/65, both  
captioned "APPEARANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA, JUNE 9, 1965, RACIAL MATTER."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are twelve (12)  
copies of a LHM suitable for dissemination, with two (2)  
copies for Atlanta reflecting the demonstration is scheduled  
for July 9, 1965, instead of June 9, 1965.

The USA's Office and General Services Administration,  
Los Angeles, have also been advised of the scheduled demon-  
stration since the proposed work stoppage could involve Federally  
financed construction projects.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Will follow and report  
any information bearing on KING's reported visit to Los  
Angeles on July 9, 1965, to lead a demonstration.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 12)(RM)(AM) (1 - 100-5589)
- 2 - Atlanta (Encls. 2)(100-5586)(RM)(AM) (1 - 100-63822)
- 6 - Los Angeles (100-57229) (1 - 105-564)
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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report additional information as it develops concerning the demonstration scheduled for July 9, 1965, and will arrange for coverage of the demonstration.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Los Angeles, California  
June 4, 1965

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APPEARANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,  
JULY 9, 1965

Reference is made to letterhead memorandum dated May 28, 1965, at Los Angeles, concerning a demonstration to be led by Martin Luther King, Jr., at Los Angeles on June 9, 1965.

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advised that on recontact with his source, it was learned that source had the wrong date and the demonstration is now scheduled for July 9, 1965.

Martin Luther King, Jr., is to be in Los Angeles on July 9, 1965, to lead a large demonstration which will be sponsored, or supported, by the Congress of Racial Equality, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and possibly the Urban League. The purpose of the demonstration is to focus public attention on the problem of Negroes and other minority groups in obtaining employment in the construction industry. On the day of the demonstration, the sponsors will seek to promote a temporary work stoppage in the construction industry in Los Angeles to further dramatize the problem. An effort will be made to make this the largest demonstration to date in Los Angeles, and expectations are to have as many as 25,000 to 30,000 people demonstrate. King will reportedly announce the demonstration in advance at a press conference, but the exact date of his announcement was not known to source. It was source's opinion that if they can get 10,000 demonstrators for July 9, 1965, it will be considered a very successful demonstration.

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June 4, 1965

APPEARANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR., LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA, JULY 9, 1965

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At 9:25 a.m., on June 3, 1965, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 115th INTC, Region II, Pasadena,  
California, was advised of the demonstration now scheduled  
for July 9, 1965.

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The Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles  
County Sheriff's Office have also been apprised of the  
change in date of the demonstration.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are furnished  
Region II, Pasadena, and Secret Service, Los Angeles, for their  
information.

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 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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 (OO: ATLANTA)

ReNYTel of 5/17/65, reporting KING's itinerary while in NYC, on 5/17/65.

Enclosed are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting referenced information; two copies are furnished the Atlanta Office.

The source of the information was [REDACTED]

This letterhead memorandum is classified "~~Secret~~" because it contains information from [REDACTED], a source who has furnished information of a highly sensitive nature about racial matters in the NY area and the Communist influence thereof.

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 DATE 6-9-65

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 2-New York  
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File No. Bureau 100-106670

New York, New York  
June 8, 1965

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Security Matter - C

On May 17, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Clarence Jones and an unidentified male were in contact on that date concerning the presence of Martin Luther King in New York City. In that regard, the unknown person told Jones that the following would be King's itinerary for May 17, 1965: Appear at 2:45 p.m. at the Convent Avenue Baptist Church, New York City, for one hour; after which he would return to the Summit Hotel; at 7:30 p.m., go to the Cathedral of St. John The Divine for about 1½ hours, and then go directly to the airport for his return trip to Atlanta.

During their contact they discussed the matter of a (police) security force for King and Jones mentioned that he had been trying to reach Captain Seally (Phonetic) "the Negro Captain" whom he described as a friend of his.

(Captain Seely is a Negro Police Captain assigned to the 28th Precinct in Harlem, New York.)

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APPENDIX

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y.



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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FROM: CINCINNATI (157-210)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTERS

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, JUNE SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

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JUNE EIGHT, INSTANT, [REDACTED]

YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, ADVISED KING SCHEDULED TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY, WILBERFORCE, OHIO, TEN THIRTY A.M., JUNE NINE, NEXT. WITH KING WILL BE HIS FATHER, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., WHO WILL RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANITY DEGREE.

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RE:

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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